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SUBJECT: RIAD MEETS EC REPS

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- 1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS, ARAB LEAGUE SYG RIAD TOLD JOURNALISTS MAY 15 THAT EC A/SYG AND IRISH DEP FONMIN HAVE GIVEN HIM COPY OF EC/ISRAEL TRADE AGREEMENT AND HAVE EXPLAINED EC VIEWPOINT. RIAD SAID AGREEMENT AND EXPLANATION WILL BE SUBMITTED TO ARAB LEAGUE COMMITTEE FOR DISCUSSION ON EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE WHEN IT MEETS IN CAIRO ON MAY 20.
- 2. SENIRO AL A/SYG NOFAL IS REPORTED AS VOLUNTEERING TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRESS THAT AL COUNCIL HAD DECIDED EURO-ARAB PREPARATORY

MEETING SHOULD CONVENE JUNE 10 IN CAIRO.

3. COMMENT: AL SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS SEEM TO BE DELIBERATELY DOWNPLAYING EC/ISRAEL TRADE AGREEMENT IN THEIR PUBLIC STATEMENTS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT RIAD HAS DISTRIBUTED ALGERIAN MEMO, SUPPORTED BY MEMOS FROM SARG AND IRAQ, TO MEMBER STATES, AND IS NOW AWAITING THEIR REACTION. HIS MEETING WITH EUROPEAN DEL LASTED EIGHT HOURS. EILTS

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